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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: MAY 15 VICTORIA FALLS SHOOTING

REF: OTTAWA 2459

1. CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER BROADBRIDGE CONFIRMED TO US TODAY GRZ OFFER OF \$50 THOUSAND EACH TO DRIJBERS AND SINCLAIRS. SAID EXTERNAL AFFAIRS HAD NOW WRITTEN TO THE TWO FAMILIES INFORMING THEM OF OFFER. BROADBRIDGE, INCIDENTALLY, LEARNED OF OFFER FROM EXTAFF AND NOT GRZ WHICH HAS NOT CONTACTED HIM ABOUT IT.

2. BROADBRIDGE PROVIDED US WITH FURTHER DETAILS OF NEGOTIATYN OF EXGRATIA PAYMENTS. IN PARKS/BROADBRIDGE MEETING WITH ZAMBIANS FIRST WEEK SEPTEMBER (LUSAKA 1653), THERE WASHBUTUAL AGREEMENT, IN ORDER TO BRING INCIDENT TO EARLY CLOSE, ACTION SHOULD BE QUICK AND AMOUNT OF OFFER AS GENEROUS AS POSSIBLE. PARKS HAD COME WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSE FIGURE TO ZAMBIANS. LATTER, HOWEVER, WOULD NOT TAKE INITIATIVE AND INSISTED CANADIANS SUGGEST AMOUNT. BROADBRIDGE AND PARKS AGREED ON \$50 THOUSAND. ZAMBIANS SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED HIGH COMMISSIONER THEY HAD HAD IN MIND \$20-\$25 THOUSAND. DURING ENSUING WEEKS BROADBRIDGE URGED GRZ TO COME TO EARLY DECISION. HIS SUGGESTION LAST WEEK THAT OFFER SHOULD BE MADE PRIOR TO OPENING OF PARLIMENT OCTOBER 15 APPARENTLY MOVE GRZ TO ACT AND DECISION WAS COMMUNICATED IN OTTAWA.

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